

Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission

Meeting Notes

Regular Meeting – 7:30 PM, January 16, 2018

Location:

Location: Fairfax County DOT, 4050 Legato Road, Suite 400, Conf. Rooms 400.06 & 400.08
Fairfax, Virginia 22033

Web Site: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/tac/meetings

Note-Taker: Mike Champness

TAC Members: Chairman Jeff Parnes (Sully), Linda Sperling (At-Large), Kevin Morse (Braddock), Mike Champness (Dranesville), Harry Zimmerman (Lee), and Micah Himmel (Providence).

TAC Members Absent: Vice Chairman Jenifer Joy Madden (Hunter Mill), Secretary Roger Hoskin (Mason), Michael Shor (Mt. Vernon), and Eric Thiel (Springfield).

Others in Attendance: Calvin Lam (FCDOT), Norman Whitaker (VDOT)

Agenda and Discussion Topics

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Parnes at 7:55 p.m. The minutes of the December 19, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously by voice vote and without change.

Potomac River Crossings Data Development Study – Norman Whitaker, VDOT

Copies of the briefing that was presented to the TAC, and upon which these notes are based, is attached. The title of the briefing is “Potomac River Crossing Data Development Study (May 2015)”.

This purpose of this study was to “examine cross-river traffic and movement demand at existing crossings from Point of Rocks in Virginia to Route 301 in Maryland” (the Harry Nice Bridge) and develop a common set of data to define the problem, not recommend a solution. The study was presented to the Commonwealth Transportation Board in late 2015.

The study looked at twelve river crossings, both highway and rail crossings. The four with the highest volume of daily river crossings were the Legion Bridge, 14th Street Bridge, and Wilson Bridge, with over 250,000 vehicles crossing daily, and the Rosslyn Metro crossing, with an estimated volume of approximately 180,000 passengers crossing daily. The Rosslyn crossing was identified as the “most problematic crossing.”

One of the outcomes of the study was the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) directed the head of VDOT to open a dialog with the head of MDOT regarding the Legion and Nice Bridges. The CTB concluded that additional crossings are needed to the south and west of Washington, D.C., but it has also acknowledged that it is not likely that any new bridges will be constructed.

Recently, VDOT has focused on improving the performance of the Legion Bridge. It is also cooperating with MDOT on the Harry Nice Bridge. From its conversations with MDOT, it appears that the State of Maryland is considering adding express toll lanes on the Legion Bridge and elsewhere on the Maryland portion of the Beltway. If pursued, the first changes would take place starting at the Legion Bridge and extend on Interstate 495 past Interstate 270.

Comment & Feedback on Previous Meeting's Presentations

Commissioners did not have any comments or feedback on last month's update on "Tolling on I-66 Inside the Beltway—Initial Observations" presentation. Commissioners did express a desire to continue the new TAC tradition of meeting at a restaurant for its holiday meeting in December, 2018.

Report on Planning for the Future Working Group

Commissioner Champness reported that the next meeting of the Futures Working Group would take place on January 23. The Working Group is inviting two members of the County Executive's office and an official from the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute (VTTI) to participate. The Working Group plans to discuss research performed by VTTI, and the County's application for the Smart Cities Grant. After this meeting, the Working Group will update Mr. Biesiadny about its progress. The target date for this meeting is February 13. The TAC discussed delaying the submission of the Working Group report past March/April 2018 to June, 2018.

Other Business

Commissioner Himmel said that he will have a meeting with FCDOT staff to discuss Traffic Demand Management. Chairman Parnes said he will join the meeting.

Planned Agenda for next meeting

The TAC discussed three options for potential meeting agenda topics, as follows:

- MWCOG update on adopted CLRP
- Update on status of Zoning Modernization Project ("zMOD")
- MWAA update

Topics for Future Meetings (Candidates for holding meetings at alternate location indicated in bold)

- **March 20:** Adoption of Report of the TAC Working Subcommittee on Planning for the Future OR Legislative Session Briefing
- **April 17:** Transportation Demand Management's (TDM) Metrics for Key Performance Indicators
- **May 15:** VRE Rail Excursion
- **TBD:** Joint meeting date with the Planning Commission's Transportation Committee on what their vision is for future development and any changes in planning and zoning guidelines that may be needed to account for future work environment given the pace and impacts of technology advances

Commissioner Sperling expressed her interest in getting information on proposed legislation. The TAC discussed scheduling the legislative update for April or May after the legislative session is concluded.

Announcements and Adjournment

Chairman Parnes announced that the Prince William County Committee of 100 would be meeting on February 15 and that he had been invited to speak as a citizen member of a transportation panel. He also encouraged Commissioners to consider nominating recipients for the Fairfax County Citizen of the Year. Nominations will be accepted until January 31.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Upcoming Events/Other Meetings:

February 27, 2018	11:00 am	Board Transportation Committee Government Center, Conference Room 11
May 8, 2018	1:30 pm	Board Transportation Committee Government Center, Conference Room 11
July 17, 2018	11:00 am	Board Transportation Committee Government Center, Conference Room 11

Upcoming TAC Meetings:

February 6, 2018	7:30 pm	TAC Work Session (FCDOT)
February 20, 2018	7:30 pm	TAC Regular Meeting (FCDOT)
March 6, 2018	7:30 pm	TAC Work Session (FCDOT)
March 20, 2018	7:30 pm	TAC Regular Meeting (FCDOT)
April 3, 2018	7:30 pm	TAC Work Session (FCDOT)
April 17, 2018	7:30 pm	TAC Regular Meeting (FCDOT)
May 1, 2018	7:30 pm	TAC Work Session (FCDOT)
May 15, 2018	7:30 pm	TAC Regular Meeting (FCDOT)
June 5, 2018	7:30 pm	TAC Work Session (FCDOT)
June 19, 2018	7:30 pm	TAC Regular Meeting (FCDOT)
July 3, 2018	7:30 pm	TAC Work Session (FCDOT)
July 17, 2018	7:30 pm	TAC Regular Meeting (FCDOT)
August 7, 2018	7:30 pm	TAC Work Session (FCDOT)
August 21, 2018	7:30 pm	TAC Regular Meeting (FCDOT)
September 4, 2018	7:30 pm	TAC Work Session (FCDOT)
September 18, 2018	7:30 pm	TAC Regular Meeting (FCDOT)
October 2, 2018	7:30 pm	TAC Work Session (FCDOT)
October 16, 2018	7:30 pm	TAC Regular Meeting (FCDOT)
November 6, 2018	7:30 pm	TAC Work Session (FCDOT)
November 20, 2018	7:30 pm	TAC Regular Meeting (FCDOT)
December 4, 2018	7:30 pm	TAC Work Session (FCDOT)
December 18, 2018	7:30 pm	TAC Regular Meeting (FCDOT)